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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Wynn-Wynn situation

Women's basketball head and assistant coaches Jody and Derek Wynn are changing the culture of the program.

BY MITCHELL ADAMS
Contributing Writer

During a typical practice for Long Beach State's women's basketball team, a spectator will hear the rippling sound of a whistle echo throughout the walls of the Walter Pyramid.

To head coach Jody Wynn, every piercing whistle blow lets her give her powerful and exuberant voice a break.

Wynn's whistle and voice complement each other as a dynamic duo. They also provide positive energy that only motivates her team to push even harder.

"I believe work ethic is so important on and off the court," Wynn said. "Our program is based off of making sure our girls are putting in work as students and as athletes. They need to be role model citizens and learn how to handle the limelight. Working hard at practice builds confidence."

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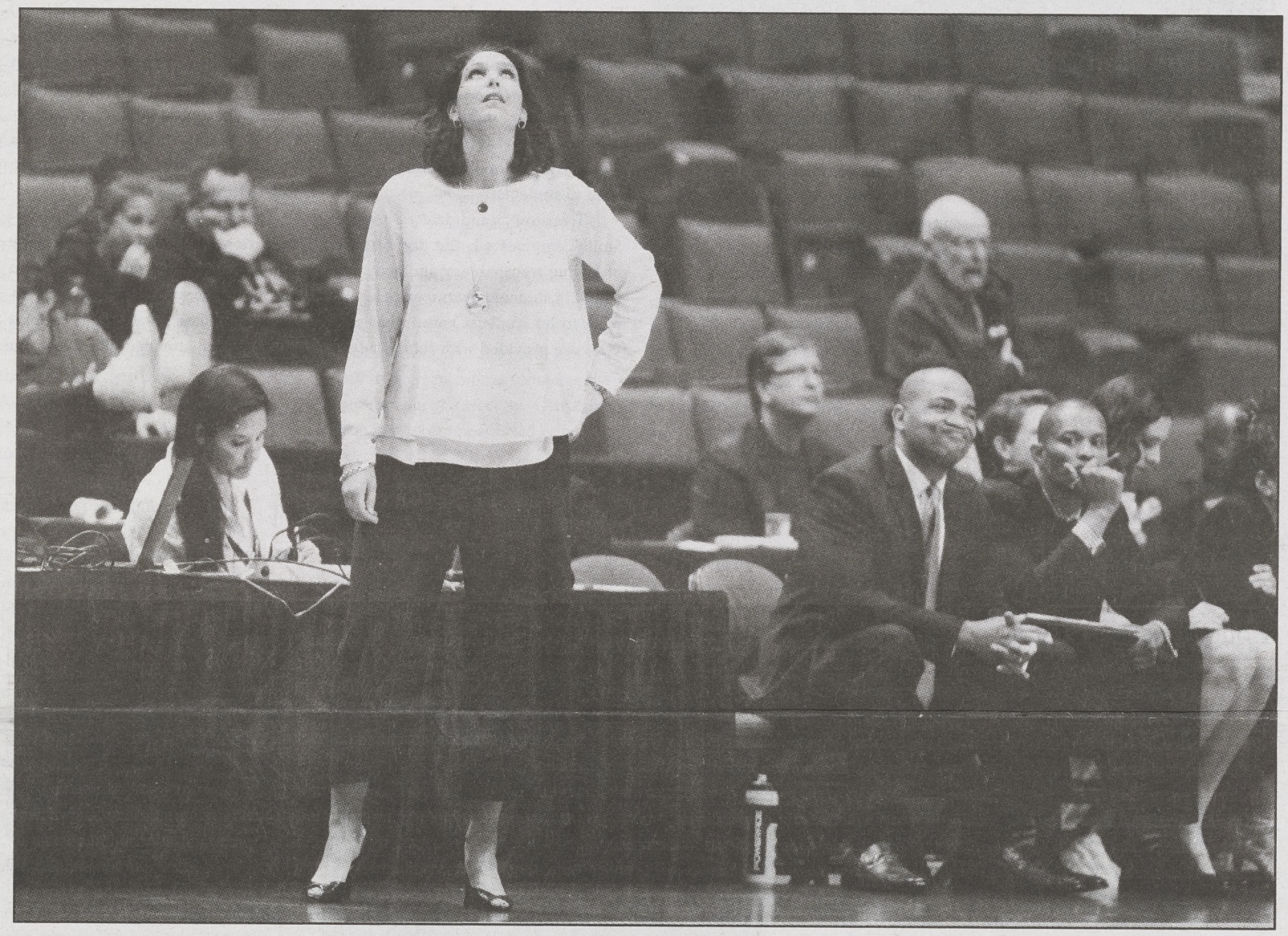

LALIG TARBINIAN | DAILY 49ER

LBSU has a 79-49 record over the past four years under head coach Jody Wynn and assistant coach Derek Wynn. On Thursday, the 49ers will participate in their third Women's National Invitation Tournament during that time span.

NATALIE GRANT | DAILY 49ER

Members of Sigma Pi hang out together between classes Wednesday in front of their fraternity house on fourth street. For more on Greek life, check out the story "Inside, looking out," on page 2.

Student with knife is 'mixed-race'

The BSU called for the Dean of Students' resignation and the student's expulsion in a petition.

BY ARIANA SAWYER
News Editor

The 20-year-old male student who displayed a knife in a sociology class Feb. 25 comes from a "mixed-race family," contrary to posts on social media up to this point that stated he was white.

The race of the individual became an issue both on social media and in the administration-led student forum, but could not be revealed without the student's permission.

"… One parent is African American and the other is Caucasian," according to a list of frequently asked questions about the incident Cal State Long Beach released online on Wednesday. "The student has authorized the release of this information to clear up ongoing misconceptions about the incident."

According to the FAQ, more information about the incident cannot be released during the ongoing investigation and much of the student's information will remain protected due to the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

A petition created by CSULB's Black Student Union on change.org referred to the student as a "white-passing male." There were 1,008 signatures on the petition as of 11 p.m. last night. The list of demands are:

1) Expel the white-passing male student who displayed the knife.

2) Fire CSULB Dean of Students Jeffrey Klaus.

3) Establish a Student Oversight Committee for Risk Assessment.

The petition states that the letter, along with its growing number of signatures, will be delivered to President Jane Close Conoley.

Conoley met with BSU members at what a flyer called #BlackoutLB for a talk in front of the Nugget Grill and Pub yesterday at noon. The BSU requested that press not cover the event.

The professor and one other student saw the male student holding a 2.2-inch knife in a sociology class on race, class and gender while his group was standing to give a presentation to the rest of the class, according to CSULB President Jane Close Conoley in an email to the Long Beach NAACP chapter President Naomi Rainey March 9. The student claimed to have been cleaning his nails when the professor tapped him on the shoulder and asked him to come with her outside. Once there, the professor told the student he could not have a knife in class and asked him to leave. The professor went into the class to gather the student's things for him, and he left.

"The male student was assigned to another class," Conoley said. "All his other professors were told of the incident and all indicated they were willing to keep him in their classes."

There are currently three entities investigating the incident: the Long Beach Police Department, the campus Judicial and Ethical Development Office and the NAACP.

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SPRINKLING OUT THE VOTE

Getting students to choose an ASI candidate is no cakewalk.

BY ARIANA SAWYER & LINDSAY PETERS
Staff Writers

Some 32 assorted cupcakes lay frosted and sprinkled on the table as a few students asked some Associated Students, Inc. representatives just what they would have to do to get one.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, ASI hosted Coffee with the Candidates, an event to encourage students to meet their peers in the running. To get cupcakes or coffee, students had to go talk to at least one treasurer, president, vice president and senator, get them to stamp a slip of paper and return to the booth in the front to pick up an iced coffee in a plastic mason jar and a sprinkled mini-cupcake.

"We really want to get the vote out," said Vrinda Bhuta, the ASI government elections officer.

For candidates running for executive positions, this was a chance to speak directly with students before the ASI debate today to discuss issues they hope to work on during their term.

The debate will take place on the speakers platform at 12:15. Executive candidates include students running for president, vice president and treasurer.

Presidential candidate Marvin Flores hopes to increase student voices by lobbying for more students at large representatives on committees.

"Currently there are over 100 committees that faculty only sit on," Flores said. "A lot of the issues are related to students."

Treasurer candidate Giovanni Smith emphasized the importance of having transparency and accountability in student government. He will push to let students know what services are provided with their student fees or where that money is allocated.

Mariam Balogun, who is also running for treasurer, said she is focusing on scholarships and more support for Cal State Long Beach's international student community.

"I feel like there's a lot of international students on campus but they do not get any funding or help from our campus," Balogun said.

On Tuesday, there were more than 30 different candidates for students to talk to throughout the day.

Though estimates of student participation haven't been formally counted, Bhuta did say that ASI went through at least two and a half boxes of cupcakes. That means at least 90 students attended the event on Tuesday alone, although that number would be higher when accounting for students who may not enjoy cupcakes.

At first, Bhuta said she was aiming for a 50 percent voter turnout, but that she's since learned to be realistic. She's now hoping for a voter turnout of 20 percent.

"It only takes five minutes to vote," Bhuta said. "It's easy."

The ASI hopefuls began campaigning March 7 and must pay for their own campaigns, though they are able to accept donations of up to $150.

Students can vote online for the sweetest candidate March 21-23 until midnight.

Inside, looking out

What it really means to be Greek at Cal State Long Beach.

BY MICAYLA VERMEEREN
Opinions Editor

There's a lot of validity to the phrase "it's all Greek to me."

In the world of fraternities and sororities, words like "rush," "pledge" and "big" have practical definitions that tend to differ notably from what one could find in the dictionary.

For those of us in the Greek system, it's easy to understand and navigate. But, whether any of us want to admit it or not, there are a lot of misconceptions about what it really means to be affiliated on campus, especially for students unaffiliated with a chapter.

Before I went through recruitment and found a sisterhood in Delta Zeta to join, I had no idea how things worked, what to expect and how true — or untrue — all the movies and TV shows are. So, in the wake of the mountain of coverage focusing on Greek life in the last few months, here's a basic breakdown of the realities of being a brother or sister.

Recruitment

Greek affiliation starts with recruitment, the process by which students interested in joining a fraternity or sorority get to know individual Greek houses and, usually, are offered a bid for membership from a chapter. Fall semester always brings the largest crowds through recruitment, but there are still recruitment events and bids offered throughout spring.

For girls interested in joining one of our eight sororities, recruitment spans three days and gives them the chance to visit every house at least once. At the houses, active members of the sororities have one-on-one conversations to explain what makes their sorority unique. As the days go on, girls revisit specific houses based on a mutual selection process —– girls rank the houses in order of preference, and the chapters as a whole send invitations to the girls they want to see again.

The process ends with final offers of membership, called "bids," being handed out by the chapters. For guys looking into fraternities, the process is a bit different. Each fraternity hosts an event every day for a week, most of which are open to anyone interested in the house.

There's no obligation for the guys to attend events for all the chapters, so they're able to focus on whatever houses have piqued their interests. The final events of the week are usually invitation only, but bids can be handed out and accepted at any point in the week.

Across the Greek system, new members of fraternities and sororities have to make their way through an educational, probationary period before getting formally initiated into the chapter. This is when the history, standards, obligations and traditions of each chapter are taught to the new members and the sense of connection to the house really begins.

Hazing

More than anything, I get asked whether or not hazing is as prominent in Greek life as media lead us to believe. Personally, I've never experienced anything even close to hazing —– in fact, there are some really strict guidelines we have to follow to keep ourselves clear of any sort of trouble.

Aside from the standard zero-tolerance policy the campus has for hazing, there are words chapters aren't allowed to use when referencing uninitiated members, restrictions on how we use social media to represent our chapters and a very strong understanding that the pillars of Greek life don't encompass hazing.

The university website outlines what sort of actions count as hazing, and the intricacies laid out in the standards cover just about anything that could cause harm to anyone in any sort of way. Leeway really isn't part of the equation.

There might be some less-than-upstanding things that go on behind the closed doors of some houses that I'm not aware of, but I can say with complete honesty that girls don't have to sit on washing machines to see how much their stomachs jiggle and guys don't have to shotgun 10 beers in a row to prove they're not lightweights. And, if any member of the Greek community is caught participating in anything that qualifies as hazing, they're done. That's all there is to it.

Parties

College kids party. Period. Yes, there are parties on weekends at fraternity houses. Yes, there are venue-based formals and preferential banquets throughout the semester. Yes, alcohol is present at a lot of events.

But there's no discernable difference between a party thrown by a fraternity and a party thrown by a sports team, or a party thrown by a theater cast, or a party thrown by bored kids celebrating a late birthday.

The discussion of Greek partying is a dead horse that's been beaten for years. I'm not saying that unsafe conditions or unhealthy habits are anything to take lightly, but pinning the issue on the Greek community is missing the mark. Parties in the community are influenced by the college atmosphere and not that out of the ordinary when looking at the student body as a whole.

Obligations

At the end of the day, everyone in a fraternity or sorority can list an individual reason they went through recruitment, but there are still obligations we all have to fulfill.

We all have to keep ourselves in good financial standing and promptly pay the chapter dues that cover our membership fees, house maintenance, event coordination, etc. We all have to perform community service and find ways to support both local and national philanthropies. We all have to uphold the standards of our houses and the campus at large, serving as examples of leadership, scholarship, friendship and service. We all have to maintain levels of personal and professional composure to keep our houses respected.

The best part? We all want to.

US urges North Korea to pardon student jailed for prank-like offense

WASHINGTON — The United States on Wednesday called on North Korea to pardon a U.S. student it has convicted of subversion and sentenced to 15 years of prison and hard labor for tearing down a poster.

Otto Warmbier, 21, was convicted by North Korea's highest court, state media reported Wednesday. His offence was trying to steal a propaganda poster from his hotel in Pyongyang.

State Department spokesman Mark Toner said Warmbier was reportedly charged with "hostile acts" against North Korea and sentenced to 15 years hard labor.

"The department believes that the sentence is unduly harsh for the actions Mr. Warmbier allegedly took," Toner said at a briefing in Washington.

Human Rights Watch said on Twitter that Warmbier's sentence for a college-style prank was "outrageous and shocking."

Warmbier was detained in early January at Pyongyang's international airport. Several weeks later he was paraded in front of cameras and broke down in tears while reading a confession and public apology and pleaded for his release.

Toner also used the opportunity to recommend against all travel by U.S. citizens to North Korea.

Despite official claims that U.S. citizens arrested in North Korea are not used for political purposes, Toner said that "it's increasingly clear from its very public treatment of these cases that (North Korea) does exactly that."

White House spokesman Josh Earnest also complained Wednesday that the North Korean government seeks to use U.S. citizens as "pawns to pursue a political agenda."

He said the allegations against Warmbier "would not give rise to arrest or imprisonment in the United States or in just about any other country in the world."

Warmbier is one of three North Americans known to be detained in North Korea. The U.S. has no embassy in North Korea. Its interests in the country are represented by Sweden.

—DPA, TNS

St. Paddy's parties

Enjoy some of the best and pubs in Los Angeles.

By Natalie Rodriguez
Staff Writer

Celebrate a day filled with luck, laughs, and memories while chugging a pitcher of green beer as you enjoy a variety of events and festivities with friends, family and loved ones.

Throughout the Los Angeles area, there are a variety of restaurants, bars and pubs that are celebrating and dedicating a day for the Irish.

Tom Bergin's, an Irish pub, located in central LA, will open at 6 a.m. where customers can enjoy an Irish coffee and breakfast before heading off to work or school.

At 11 a.m. the parking lot will be packed with a Guinness truck, beer pong tables. a DJ, picnic table seating and all of the beer you can handle. Although the event will be held outside of the pub, customers are still welcomed inside. After midnight, people can be assisted inside the pub (if needed) where they can continue their festivities with Irish-inspired drinks.

Casey's Irish Pub located in downtown's financial district will host the 43rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Street Festival.

The festival will start at 6 a.m. with a $10 admission fee where Irish coffee will be served. At noon there will be musical entertainment from local DJ's, pizza from Pellicola Pizzeria and festive drinks.

Tam O'Shanter, located in Atwater Village, will have a celebration that begins at 11 a.m.

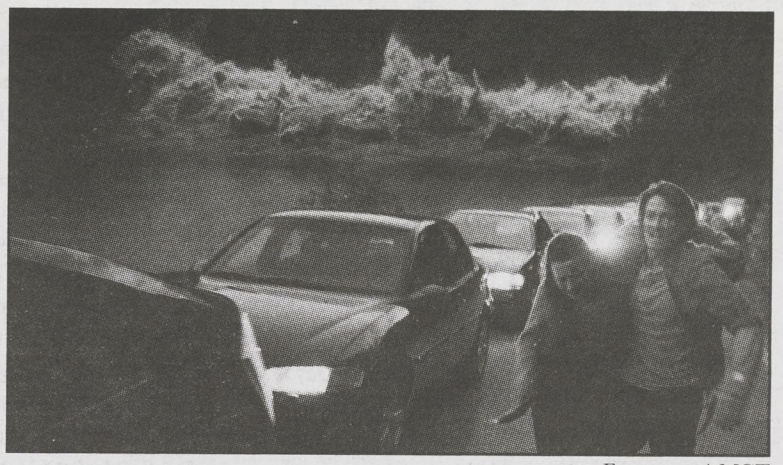
The celebration will continue in the parking lot at 1 P.M. where you can enjoy green beer, pub food and Irish pride. At 2 p.m. there will be entertainment from local bands from Los Angeles which include, Whiskey Sunday, Slugger O'Toole, and Ploughboys.

The original farmer's market in the Fairfax District will have Irish-inspired plates at Maggee's Kitchen. The gourmet food will include corned beef cabbage and green beer.

In the Long Beach area, Gladstone's at 330 S. Pine Ave will serve hand-cut corned beef and $3 pints of Coors Light all day.

Once you're done with school and/or work, feel free to unwind and have fun with good company!

'The Wave' works



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A still from "The Wave."

You can't quite write off director Roar Uthaug as Norway's answer to Irwin Allen, but "The Wave" leaves no doubt that Uthaug has watched his share of the Hollywood disaster pictures ("The Poseidon Adventure," "The Towering Inferno," "Earthquake") that Allen produced in the 1970s. The basic elements are all here: A central protagonist (Kristoffer Joner) who runs around warning people about impending doom; a woman (Ane Dahl Torp) fighting to protect her child (Jonas Hoff Oftebro) after the world has gone insane; various supporting characters whose only role in the film is to die a horrible death.

The whole thing is pure formula. But "The Wave," which was Norway's official entry to the Academy Awards, makes it work anyway. The movie's secret weapon is its scientific plausibility: Geologists are already aware that the mountain Akerneset is liable to collapse at any moment into the fjord, and the resulting tsumani would submerge the beautiful tourist mecca of Geiranger, which happens to be situated below sea level.

This is a real-world dilemma depicted with all the flash and spectacle a Norwegian big-budget can buy — which is to say, not all that much. The giant wall of water seen in "The Wave" is perfectly fine, but it can't stand up to similar special effects from American movies such as "Hereafter" or "Interstellar." The plot, too, feels lifted from "The Impossible," which earned Naomi Watts as Oscar nomination for her portrayal of a mother separated from her family during the 2004 tsunami that pummeled Thailand.

But no one goes to a disaster movie expecting originality: Are there any apocalyptic calamities left that haven't received the big-screen treatment at least twice? There is pleasure to be had in watching a well-made film go through the motions of a familiar genre, and "The Wave" has its share of hair-raising moments, such as the scene in which a group of people trapped in a traffic jam get out of their cars and try to outrun the body of water that's about to crash down on their heads. Another sequence, set inside a hotel that has been submerged by the flood, reveals what happens when one member of a small group of survivors, who must remain inside a small pocket of air in order not to drown, starts to lose his mind.

In moments like that one, "The Wave" builds up a nice bit of genuine tension and hits some surprisingly dark notes. The rest of the movie, you've probably seen before. But the familiarity is part of the fun. Yes, you'll know where all this is heading. But who cares? Pass the popcorn.

— By Rene Rodriguez, Miami Herald, TNS

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Our luck of the Irish

A round-up of St. Paddy's stories that are a little less-than lucky.

BY DAILY 49ER STAFF

Sometimes, celebrating St. Patrick's Day is weird for a number of reasons. Whether it be due to the fact that California doesn't boast extremely high populations of Irish people (excluding our Copy Editor Liam Brown as well as actor Liam Neeson) or simply because not all of us are old enough to legally drink.

Here are some of our more dismal Paddy's stories.

Trang Le - Photo Editor

I have no experience. Pinch me and be punched.

Micayla Vermeeren, Opinions Editor

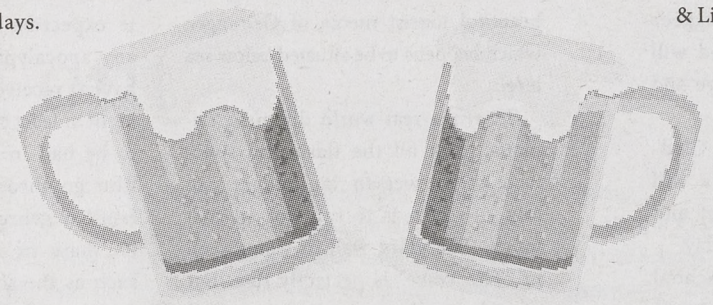
I've been blessed with a birthday that falls two days before good ol' Paddy's. But, awfully enough, the universe has conspired against me and I'll be working the day of. And I won't be working just anywhere — I'll be waitressing at a brewery in the heart of downtown. All my fun potential plans have been replaced with the guarantee of drunk customers and questionable tips. I am excited, though, to see just how people act. I'm thrilled for the regulars who always post up at our bar to moan at the fact that their normal seats are taken. I'm terrifyingly excited to see non-whiskey drinkers order a shot of Jameson for the giggles and choke before the shot glass hits their lips. I'm so ready to see the sea of cheap, green, Rite-Aid shamrock headbands and shirts with clovers plastered across the front.

But, if anyone tries to pinch me, I will not hesitate to coordinate an unfortunate accident in the center of the floor.

Madison D'Ornellas, Managing Editor

Two years ago I spent St. Patrick's Day in Dublin, Ireland. I handled and enjoyed March 17 the way any Ireland first-timer would: I drank. A lot. And, according to friends I met at the Temple Bar (I think), I finished the holiday attempting to run through Phoenix Park in the wee hours of the morning. I don't remember much, but I do remember the morning after, keeling over and dry-heaving during a St. Pat's 5K onto some random street in Dublin surrounded by other hungover whippersnappers.

Twas a horrible, beautiful two days.



Kevin Flores, Special Issues Editor

The Irish Cinco De Mayo and another bull-sh*t consumer holiday… Happy puking, mates.

Yasmin Cortez, Social Media Editor

I remember growing up not really understanding why I celebrated St. Patrick's Day but looking forward to it anyway. I expected four leaved clovers to wish on, running around looking for people to pinch and wearing so much green I could have looked like Shrek's twin. I remember my mom decorating the house with St. Patrick's Day supplies from Oriental Trading Company and going to Don Jose with my family for "special" green nachos. It was like a birthday party just for wearing green. Who would hate on that? I don't drink nor am I Irish, and, yes, it is a dumb holiday (if you can even call it that) but like anything, it's how you make it. My family made something lame into something memorable. They gave me something to look forward to and honestly the best memories are yet to come. So don't be surprised if I show up looking like the Lucky Charms guy.

Miranda Andrade-Ceja, Arts & Life

My only real memory of St. Patrick's Day was that one time my family wasn't broken and we went on a Carnival Cruise Ship to various resort locations in Mexico. It just so happened that we were there for St. Patrick's Day, which meant my awkward, preteen self was stuck on a cruise ship with a bunch of really turnt 40 year olds wearing Shamrock hats.

I don't care for the holiday.

Armando Jacobo, Asst. Social Media Editor

I don't have a drunken story to tell or a fond memory of St. Patrick's Day. To be honest I don't think I've ever celebrated the day. I don't have an article of clothing that's green but when threatened with a pinch I can always rely on, "I'm wearing green-colored underwear."

Liam Brown, Copy Editor Extraordinaire

Although I don't think about St. Patrick's Day too much myself, I come from an Irish family, so I've had my fair share of Reuben sandwiches and corned beef and cabbage to last me a while. But I won't be with them for St. Patrick's Day this year. I'll be here in Long Beach, so my extent of a St. Paddy's celebration will be eating one of those store-bought shamrock cookies someone's bound to hand me. For all you Paddy's partiers, though, have fun. Make sure you pronounce "Celtic" correctly (hard C, y'all). Enjoy your Guinness and your Baileys. I won't be with you, but I'll be saving my green shirt for Thursday.

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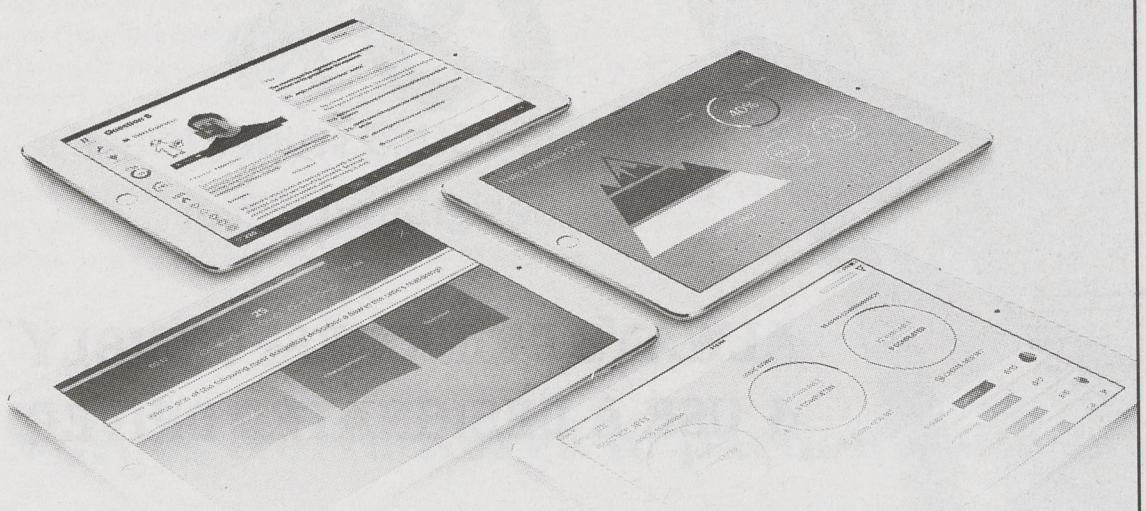

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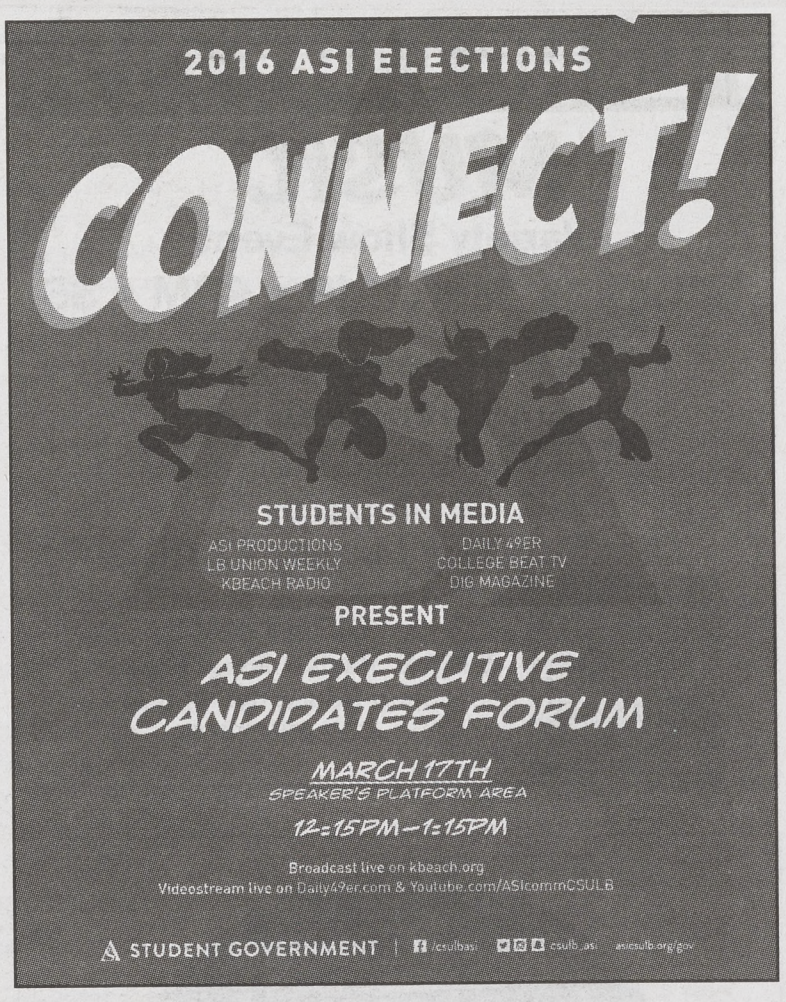

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'No Mas' stirs conversation

Documentary "No Mas Bebes" discussed the forced sterilization of dozens of Mexican women in Los Angeles during the '60s and '70s.

BY MIRANDA ANDRADE-CEJA
Staff Writer

A lecture hall flooded with Cal State Long Beach students sets the forecast for a typical day of Science 300 classes or a general education math course — but the setting in the Peterson Hall 1 140 lecture hall on Wednesday had students gathering for a different purpose.

The documentary "No Mas Bebes" was screened yesterday at 6 p.m.. The free event included an introduction by documentary producer Virginia Espino and was organized by the Sociology Student Association and sponsored by student organizations such as La Raza Student Association and Chicano/a Latino/a Studies Student Association,.

The film discussed the forced sterilization of dozens of Mexican immigrant women, who were subjected to tubal ligation shortly after giving birth in the Los Angeles County USC Medical Center during the '60s and early '70s. "No Más Bebés" shared the accounts of both women who were coerced into being forcefully sterilized after labor as well as the doctors who oversaw these operations.

This documentary followed the lawsuit that a small group of Mexican women held against the LA County USC Medical Center doctors.

The hour-and-19-minute-long film was followed by a Q&A in which students were able to ask Espino questions about her creative process, her inspiration for the film and her current sentiments regarding reproductive justice issues among women of color.

"People always ask me, whenever I talk about this history, they ask me: 'Do you think it could happen again?' And before, I was pretty confident in saying: 'I don't think so, I think times have changed, it's different now,'" Espino said during the Q&A.

She said that her previous opinion shifted since, especially considering the current state of the Presidential Election and the prevalence of Donald Trump.

"I think there is a decadent threat in kind of that ideology of white supremacy. White supremacy definitely led to these kinds of sterilization. In history, California's the state with the most sterilizations — not just among women of color, also of the 'mentally challenged' or 'unfit' people who are viewed by society as not valuable," Espino said.

Espino addressed the broad umbrella that is reproductive justice, and said that "No Mas Bebes" not only addresses the question of whether or a woman can only have a right to an abortion, but other intersectional issues regarding women and their bodies.

Senior sociology major Fatima Chavez facilitated the event. Chavez is a member of the Sociology Student Association and helped organize the event in collaboration with other student leaders on campus.

"This film shows how intersectionality and so many different identities function together and are used to oppress people through this very white, capitalistic society that doesn't really value, sometimes, our voices and our lives and our decision making," Chavez said.

The event came to a close after Chavez gifted Espino a potted plant and a thank-you card signed by organizers of the event. The students flooded to the front of the lecture hall to speak with Espino personally, thanking her for her visit and ending the night with a few communal group photos.

Indy returns

Indy is back. Disney has announced the return of Harrison Ford and longtime "Indiana Jones" director Steven Spielberg for a fifth "Indiana Jones" movie.

The studio that is now in possession of several treasured movie franchises announced that Spielberg "will helm the as-yet-untitled project with star Harrison Ford reprising his iconic role," with the movie's release set for July 19, 2019. Also along for the ride are longtime "Indiana" collaborators Frank Marshall and Kathleen Kennedy (president of Lucasfilm), who will produce.

"Indiana Jones is one of the greatest heroes in cinematic history, and we can't wait to bring him back to the screen in 2019," Walt Disney Studios Chairman Alan Horn said in a news release. "It's rare to have such a perfect combination of director, producers, actor and role, and we couldn't be more excited to embark on this adventure with Harrison and Steven."

The last Indiana Jones film, "Kingdom of the Crystal Skull," positioned actor Shia LaBeof as the inheritor of the hat and whip. But tepid audience response may have dashed studio's plans. The announcement of the new picture makes no mention of any actors other than Harrison Ford.

Noticeably absent from the news release? George Lucas. Looks like when he sold Lucasfilm to Disney in 2012, he didn't look back (or perhaps Mickey revoked his passes).

—Meredith Woerner, Los Angeles Times, TNS

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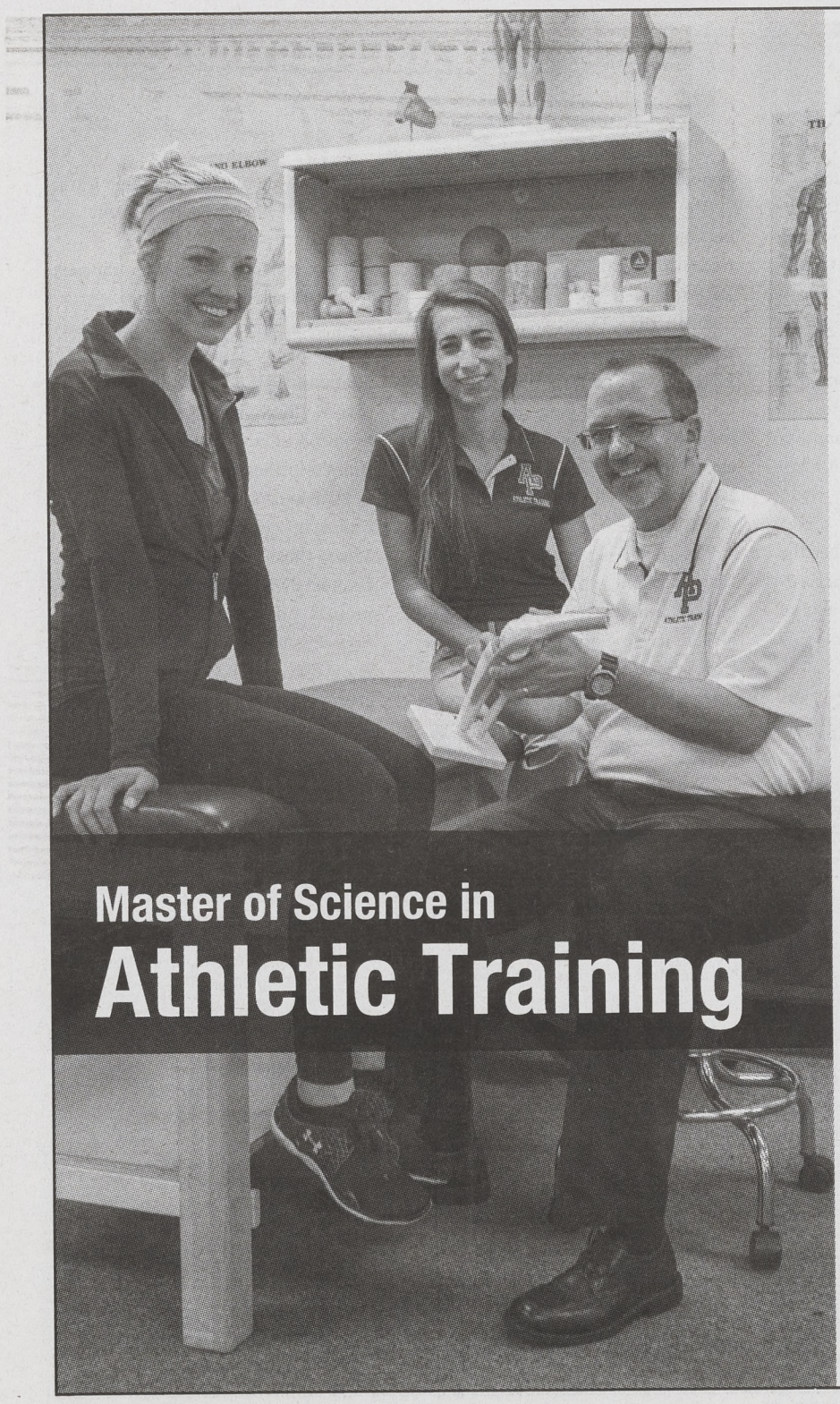

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Immaturity stains free speech lawn

Students handed the bigots exactly what they wanted.

BY BRANDEN RAULSTON
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Screaming hatred and condemning all those within earshot, a "preacher" compelled a sizeable crowd of students to yell at, argue with and mock him this week.

This scene brought me deep embarrassment as I watched it transpire.

It was not the bigoted, misogynistic rhetoric of this peddler of intolerance that flushed my cheeks with shame. Instead, it was the immature and naive reaction of the students he antagonized.

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As someone who frequents the free speech lawn often, I can say I have seen many constructive interactions. This was just the opposite.

That fool who stands atop his petty box of judgement won this week.

Congratulations, you handed him the victory.

You gave him exactly what he wanted, a crowd of wild "whores" and cowardly "boys" dripping in "unrighteousness."

If you think for just one second that you showed him up with your admissions of sexual liberty and frequent drug use, you are wrong. When he listens from his perch to confessions of open legs and "chronic masturbation," he is secretly stroking his self-righteousness and feeling reassured that his asinine behavior is well-founded.

If that is not enough to make you second guess entertaining his next poisonous rant, consider the effect you have on his followers. Those young men and women holding signs and infiltrating the crowd are just like us, passionate and impressionable.

When you fall for his trap and flaunt your "sin," they are further convinced that their message is true and righteous. With your behavior as motivation, they will one day be standing on their own box looking down at a new generation of students that are in need of some condemnation.

Still not persuaded to act like an adult? Fine, then let me shed some more light on the consequences of such scenes.

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Students flip off religious protestors that came to Free Speech lawn Wednesday to preach to the campus community.

Consider the young woman passing by who has recently begun to explore her sexuality or the young man who finally mustered the courage to wear his favorite dress to school. Individuals like these, common targets of the bigotry, can be cut deep by those searing words.

Your behavior only serves as encouragement for these speakers to come back and continue damaging the emotional well-being of our peers.

Freedom of speech is a mighty tool in the arena of social progress, but the most absurd and abhorrent speech is not worthy of engagement. It deserves to be ignored. There is nothing more discouraging to a confused radical than having his message of intolerance fall on deaf and disapproving ears.

I commend those that stood confidently as they held signs of support and offered words of encouragement to those targeted by the man. These students understand engaging these bigots is pointless. It is the student body that needs to hear the counter-message.

I hope the next time Pastor Hate stands on his box of lunacy that he sees a crowd of mature adults expressing their messages but refusing to engage. If just once he screamed for six hours and no one reacted, maybe he would never come back.

Kiss me, I'm drunk

The sobering reality of St. Patrick's Day.

BY JORGE PANIAGUA
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When St. Patrick's Day comes up in conversation, two things come to mind: beer and green.

Festivals, parades and parties celebrating the patron saint of Ireland will take place nationwide on March 17 – a celebration sure to include tons of alcohol.

According to WalletHub, around 13 million pints of Guinness will be consumed worldwide on St. Patrick's Day this year.

Even if Guinness doesn't suit one's fancy, the average American participating in St. Patrick's Day events will spend around $40 on alcohol. According to 2012 estimates, beer brewers took in $245 million on St. Patrick's Day alone.

This nation needs to relax when it comes to drinking on St. Patrick's Day. Remember the holiday is commemorating the life of a saint, so follow his example and don't be a drunken idiot this St. Patrick's Day.

The holiday has come to rank fourth among the calendar's most popular drinking days right behind New Year's Eve, Christmas and Independence Day as reported by a study by BACTrack, a breathalyzer production company.

The holiday has become synonymous with heavy drinking, when there's really no reason for it to be.

The holiday was first-observed as religious by the Irish — a time to visit church or be with family but as the tradition of celebrating St. Patrick's Day made its way to the United States, the holiday became fairly secular and has now involved large amounts of alcohol.

St. Patrick's Day was initially a religious feast day held to remember the great feats of St. Patrick, who, according to legend, converted hundreds of Irish pagans to Christianity using only a three-leaf clover.

According to legend, the clover was useful in properly explaining the trinity doctrine of Christianity.

The reason as to how the holiday became so alcohol-centric is curiously tied to the Catholic period of fasting known as Lent.

St. Patrick's Day, celebrated on the day of St. Patrick's death, came during Lent. Lent is a period where observant Catholics fast or give something of importance up in an effort to become closer to God. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday each year and culminates 40 days after.

The holiday was viewed as a sort of "day off" from Lent by the Irish Catholics, a time to indulge on food and alcohol in remembrance of the the patron saint.

As the Irish began drinking more and more on this holiday, drinking a pint for the saint soon became a tradition and important part of the day for many.

But America took things to the next level with alcohol.

According to a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration study, approximately 75 percent of drivers involved in St. Patrick's Day DUI cases and drunken car accidents are two times over the legal limit.

St. Patrick's Day's origin has serious religious undertones but nowadays, those undertones seem to be completely ignored. Most Americans probably don't even know who St. Patrick is or what he did — they just know that March 17 is a time to wear green, claim Irish ancestry, and get hammered.

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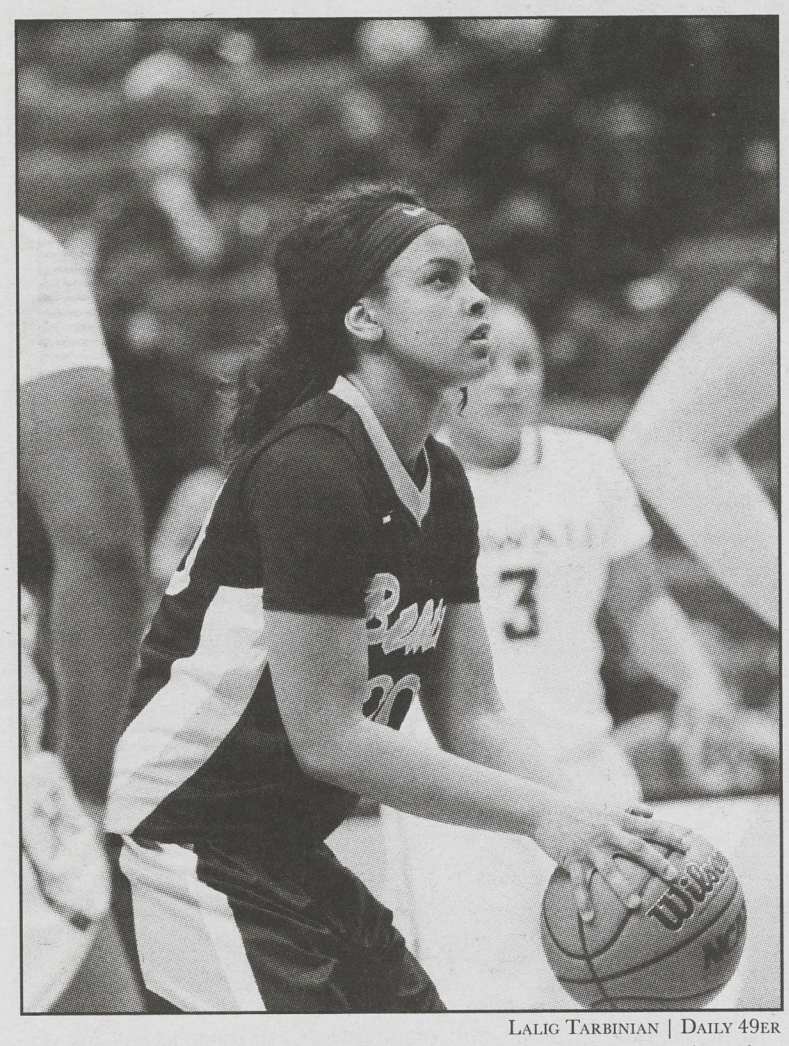
49ers hoping to go Duck hunting



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Junior Raven benton prepares to shoot a free throw against Hawai'i at the Big West Tournament semifinals on Friday inside the Honda Center.

LBSU plays Oregon in the first round of the Women's National Invitation Tournament.

BY GRESTER CELIS-ACOSTA
Staff Writer

When the Long Beach State women's basketball team opens the Women's National Invitation Tournament against Oregon on Thursday, they will attempt to pick up their first postseason win in 16 years.

LBSU's (24-8, 12-4) last win in the WNIT came on March 18, 2000 against Saint Mary's. If the 49ers want to break a three-game losing streak in the tournament, they will have to break an even longer losing streak in matchups against Oregon.

The all-time series between the Ducks and 49ers is tied at five, but their last five meetings have all gone to Oregon. However, the Ducks have lost three straight games heading into Thursday's matchup, including a loss in the first round of the Pac-12 Tournament to Arizona. They finished the season with an overall record of 20-10 and 9-9 in conference.

Oregon will be without their top scorer, senior forward Jillian Alleyne, who's out of action after suffering an ACL injury against USC on Feb. 21.

Despite the loss of their star player, LBSU head coach Jody Wynn said that the Ducks are still a formidable team.

"[Oregon is] missing [Alleyne] so they're feeding a lot off their three-point play and their guard play right now," Wynn said. "They have four [players] that shoot 40 and 44 percent from the three-point line."

The Ducks are the top three point shooting within the Pac-12, shooting 40.6 percent from behind the arc and average 7.6 three-pointers a game.

Their top three point shooter is 5-foot-9-inch sophomore guard Lexi Bando, who made a team-high 54 three pointers this year and leads the Ducks with a 42.5 shooting percentage from long distance.

Then there is the Ducks' current top scorer, guard Lexi Petersen. The 5-foot-11-inch senior is averaging 13.1 ppg and is the second best three-point shooter in the team, shooting 42.4 percent from three.

Oregon is also the top overall shooting team in the Pac-12, shooting 46.4 percent from the field. The Ducks have the second best scoring offense in the conference, averaging 72.6 ppg, and are second in assists, picking up an average of 15.5 a game.

Even though Oregon can put up big offensive numbers, Wynn says that the team is focusing on improving its game so it can be ready for Oregon and for a long run in the tournament.

"I think it's really important that we defend better, that we communicate better, that we get back in transition better and we just got to take care of the ball and rebound," Wynn said. "...Urgency, communication, playing with poise [and] under pressure are things that we talked about with our team and we worked on the past two days in practice."

Wynn compares the preparation to this game similar to a preseason game, but the exception being that the team is coming in with a postseason mentality.

"It's like the preseason, as far as our preparation," Wynn said. "[Oregon] hasn't seen us play live, we haven't seen them play live. Both teams are going to watch a lot of game film on each other and see tendencies in what they're trying to do."

The 49ers look to get past Oregon on Thursday at 6 p.m. inside the Mathew Knight Arena in Eugene, Oregon.

Event Calendar

Men's Volleyball

vs. No. 11 CSUN
Friday at 7 p.m.
Saturday at 7 p.m.
Walter Pyramid

Baseball

vs. Columbia
Thursday at 6 p.m.
Friday at 6 p.m.
Saturday at 2 p.m.
Sunday at 1 p.m.
Blair Field

Women's Water Polo

vs. Bucknell
Thursday at 7 p.m.
Ken Lindgren Aquatics Center

vs. Whittier
Sunday at 12 p.m.
Whittier

Track & Field

at USC Trojan Invitational
Friday-Saturday, All Day
Los Angeles

Softball

vs. BYU
Thursday at 1 p.m.
San Diego

vs. Ohio State
Thursday at 3:30 p.m.
San Diego

vs. Illinois
Friday at 9 a.m.
Santee

vs. No. 22 Fresno State
Friday at 2 p.m.
Santee

vs. Weber State
Saturday at 9 a.m.
Santee

Women's Tennis

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Thursday at 2 p.m.
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vs. UConn
Friday at 2 p.m.
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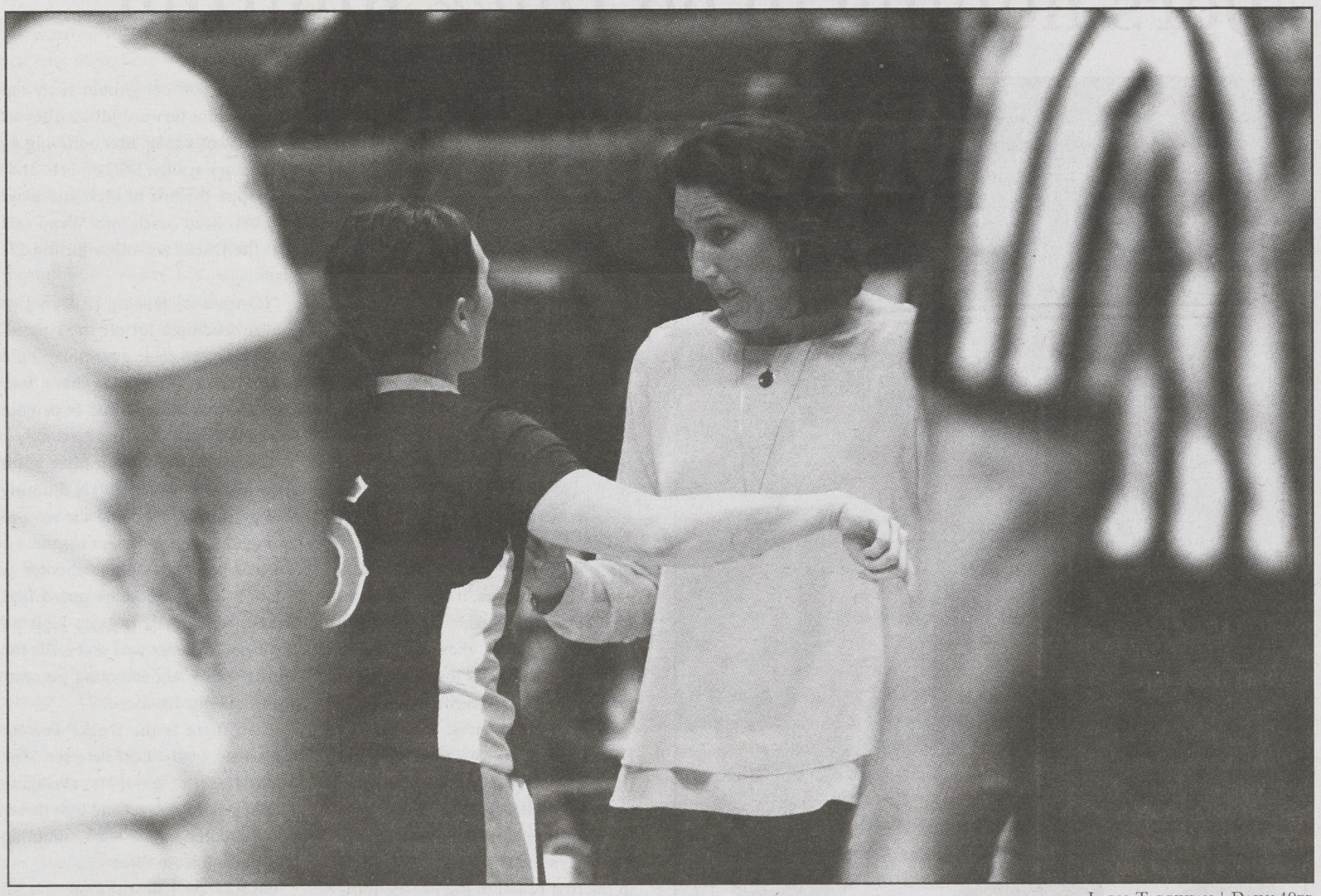

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LBSU head coach Jody Wynn gives sophomore guard Gigi Hascheff directions in the 49ers' loss to Hawai'i in the Big West Tournament semifinals inside the Honda Center in Anaheim.

Wynn, 42, attended Brea Olinda High School where she won three California State championships. She went on to play college ball and was brought on as an assistant coach at [Southern California]. From there, she got hired at Long Beach State in 2009 with ambitions of bringing back its winning ways.

She is now on her seventh year as the head coach for the Beach.

In 2013, Wynn coached LBSU to the Women's National Invitation Tournament, the team's first playoff appearance in 13 years.

She brought global attention to her team when it went on a 15-game winning streak last season and was ranked No. 18 in the country at one point.

This season, the 49ers finished tied for second in the Big West with a 12-4 record, winning three more games than the season before.

"Our mentality and motivation starts from the coaches," said junior guard Anna Kim. "Coach [Wynn] has helped build the program and has brought all-around good kids to play. We all are passionate to play for her."

LBSU's records over Wynn's tenure are evidence that the losing mentality that used to haunt the locker room has now changed.

Wynn took over for Mary Hegarty after the former head coach finished with a sub .500 record four times in her six-year stint. Wynn took over in 2009-10 and it took her three years to finish without a losing record, going 16-16 in 2012-13. This season, the 49ers posted their third consecutive winning season and finished with back-to-back 20-win seasons for the first time since 1990-92.

"Character is very, very important; we want our girls to overachieve," Wynn said. "One of my mentors used to tell me whenever I complained, 'Let me tune up my violin for you.' That is what we tell our girls and it helps them grow off and on the court."

On Feb. 9, Long Beach State was practicing the day before making their annual five-hour flight to Hawaii.

"Are you ready to leave here at six in the morning tomorrow?" asks Andrea Ohta, LBSU's associate media relations director. "I know how much you love that."

Wynn laughed and went on to complain about how much of a pain it is to wake up that early.

Cue the violin.

Coach Wynn's practices are intense and strict, but they bring out a surreal feeling that her team is in the middle of playing an actual game.

"Get through that screen," yells Derek Wynn, LBSU's assistant coach and Jody's husband. "If we want to win Friday we got to play smarter than that."

Derek has been coaching at LBSU as long as Jody has. His role during practices is to coordinate the women with his overpowering voice while they run plays.

While Derek is assisting in running the show, Jody is overseeing with her trusted whistle in her mouth, observing like a lion in the tall grass.

"It is weird how him and I will be on vacation and randomly start talking about recruiting," Jody said. "But that is just part of the job."

When practice ends, Jody and Derek lead a team bonding moment that includes loud chanting and clapping. It is an optimistic atmosphere after what Derek describes as a "rocky practice."

"I won't be going so easy next time," said Derek as he walked off the court. "You are lucky that she is the one that is coaching you."

Wynn's feisty positivity as a coach is a reflection on how she was raised. Her passion for basketball was pushed by her parents as they helped breed her winning demeanor. She acknowledges how her mother taught her to appreciate being a female athlete.

"My parents are my biggest supporters," Wynn said. "Since high school, they have been to every one of my games. They watched me win championships in high school, [be] assistant coach at USC and they are here in the stands at every home game, watching me coach. They are my number one fans."

Although her parents did not play basketball, they have been enjoying watching their daughter be a successful coach and mentor since arriving at Long Beach State. Last season the team was plagued by injuries, which diminished the chances of reaching the NCAA Tournament.

This season, Wynn and the 49ers faced a different challenge.

"With only one senior and the rest underclassmen, we had inexperience," Wynn said. "Some players have had to quickly step up. It's not about wins and losses, but we have overachieved this season."

The 49ers made it to the Big West Tournament semifinals this season after crashing out of the tourney in the first rounds last season. However, LBSU's improvement from last year secured a second consecutive invitation to the WNIT. The 49ers will go to Eugene, Oregon on Thursday looking for an upset victory over the Oregon Ducks.

With Wynn's future looking sunny at The Beach, she has no plans of leaving any time soon. She intends on continuing her quest of building a winning culture as LBSU's women's basketball coach.

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